

2013 United States Navy Professional Reading Program

Warfighting First Archive:

Essential

1812: The Navy's War: by George C. Daughan; 2011. In *1812: The Navy's War*, prizewinning historian George C. Daughan tells the thrilling story of how a handful of heroic captains and their stalwart crews overcame spectacular odds to lead the country to victory against the world's greatest imperial power. A stunning contribution to military and national history, *1812: The Navy's War* is the first complete account in more than a century of how the U.S. Navy rescued the fledgling nation and secured America's future. (Not in Collection at this time)

Cyber War: by Richard A. Clarke; 2010. *Cyber War* goes behind the "geek talk" of hackers and computer scientists to explain clearly and convincingly what cyber war is, how cyber weapons work, and how vulnerable we are as a nation and as individuals to the vast and looming web of cyber criminals. From the first cyber crisis meeting in the White House a decade ago to the boardrooms of Silicon Valley and the electrical tunnels under Manhattan, Clarke and coauthor Robert K. Knake trace the rise of the cyber age and profile the unlikely characters and places at the epicenter of the battlefield. Powerful and convincing, *Cyber War* begins the critical debate about the next great threat to national security. (355.343 C599)

SEAL of Honor: by Gary Williams; 2011. This biography uses his heroic action during this deadly firefight in Afghanistan, as a window on his character and attempts to answer why Lt. Michael Patrick Murphy readily sacrificed his life for his comrades. SEAL of Honor is the story of a young man, who was noted by his peers for his compassion and for his leadership being guided by an extraordinary sense of duty, responsibility, and moral clarity. The book attempts to answer why Lt. Murphy's service to his country and his comrades was a calling faithfully answered, a duty justly upheld, and a life, while all too short, well lived. (958.1047 W723)

Shield and Sword: The United States Navy in the Persian Gulf War: Edited by Edward J. Marolda and Robert J. Schneller Jr.; 2001. Since the UN coalition's victory in Operation Desert Storm in 1991, journalists, generals, and historians have focused on the air blitz against Iraq and General Norman Schwarzkopf's "Hail Mary" maneuver around the desert flank of the Iraqi army, while the U.S. Navy has received relatively little attention. This book highlights the Navy's vital contribution to winning the Gulf War. (956.7044 M354)

The Gamble: by Thomas E. Ricks; 2006. At the core of *The Gamble* is General David Petraeus, a military intellectual who has gathered around him an unprecedented number of officers with both combat experience and Ph.Ds. Petraeus gave military expert Ricks extraordinary privileged access to himself and his team during the past two years, and the result is a chronicle of astonishing vividness and analytical depth. We learn that almost every single officer in the chain of command fought the surge. *The Gamble* examines the congressional hearings through the eyes of Petraeus and Ambassador Ryan Crocker and their views of the questions posed by the 2008 presidential candidates. (956.7044 R539)

Wake of the Wahoo: by Forest J. Sterling; 2011. From Pearl Harbor to her last and fatal voyage, the heroic story of America's most daring World War II submarine, as told by the only surviving member of her crew - Forest J. Sterling. The USS Wahoo (SS-238) was the most successful submarine in the World War II Pacific Fleet. In her 11 short months of life, Wahoo managed an incredible 21 kills, totaling over 60,000 tons of ships. Then, just 45 minutes before leaving Midway (island) for her last and fatal patrol, Yeoman Forest Sterling was transferred to other duty. The result is this book; *Wake of the Wahoo*, Sterling's fantastic yet completely authentic account of a remarkable crew, captain and the ship they lived and died for. (Not in Collection at this time)

Recommended

The Art of the Long View: Planning for the Future in an Uncertain World: by Peter Schwartz; 1994. It is the hopes and fears that affect us in planning for a better future. Only stories, scenarios and our ability to visualize different kinds of futures adequately capture these intangibles of life. This book gives you the tools for developing a strategic vision. (658.4 S399)

Shackleton's Way: Leadership Lessons from the Great Antarctic Explorer: by Margot Morrell and Stephanie Capparell; 2002. This book introduces a new approach to managing a business that makes strategy a continuous process owned by everyone, not just top management. It draws from more than 20 in-depth case studies of major companies, showing how to create a new management system that puts strategy at the center of key operations. (658.4 S291)

Six Frigates: by Ian W. Toll; 2003. From the complicated politics of the initial decision, through the cliffhanger campaign against Tripoli, to the war that shook the world in 1812, Ian W. Toll tells this grand tale with the political insight of *Founding Brothers* and a narrative flair worthy of Patrick O'Brian. (359.00973 T651)

Starship Troopers: by Robert A. Heinlein; 1997. With Earth embroiled in a vast interplanetary war with the "Bugs," a young recruit in the Federal Reserves relates his experiences training in boot camp and as a junior officer in the Terran Mobile Infantry. (Fiction Hei)

The Second World War, Volume I: The Gathering Storm: by Winston Churchill; 1986. From Britain's darkest and finest hour to the great alliance and ultimate victory, the Second World War remains the pivotal event in our century. Churchill was not only its greatest leader, but the free world's most eloquent voice of defiance in the face of Nazi tyranny. (940.53 C563)

The Seventh Angel: by Jeff Edwards; 2010. A military revolt in southeastern Russia puts a former hardline Soviet leader in command of a ballistic missile submarine and its arsenal of nuclear weapons. His goal: re-ignite the communist revolution, and recapture the might and glory of the fallen Soviet Union. Without warning, Russia, Japan, and the United States become hostages in a scheme of international nuclear blackmail. When the warheads start falling and people begin dying, no one can pretend that it's a bluff. As the earth rushes toward extinction, a lone U.S. Navy warship must penetrate the Siberian ice pack to destroy the submarine before it can destroy the world. (Not in Collection at this time)

To the Shores of Tripoli: The Birth of the U.S. Navy and Marines, A.B.C. Whipple (973.47 W573)

Tried by War: by James McPherson; 2009. As we celebrate the bicentennial of Lincoln's birth, this study by preeminent, bestselling Civil War historian James M. McPherson provides a rare, fresh take on one of the most enigmatic figures in American history. Tried by War offers a revelatory (and timely) portrait of leadership during the greatest crisis our nation has ever endured. Suspenseful and inspiring, this is the story of how Lincoln, with almost no previous military experience before entering the White House, assumed the powers associated with the role of commander in chief, and through his strategic insight and will to fight changed the course of the war and saved the Union. (973.7092 M172)

Operate Forward Archive:

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The Crisis of Islam: Holy War and Unholy Terror: by Bernard Lewis; 2004. Examines the historical roots of the resentments that dominate the Islamic world today and that are increasingly being expressed in acts of terrorism. (297.72 L673)

Execute Against Japan: by LT Joel Holwitt; 2009. *Execute against Japan* offers a new understanding of U.S. military policy during World War II. This thoughtful analysis will be a vital resource for military and maritime historians and professionals, as well as students of World War II. (Not in Collection at this time)

Monsoon: The Indian Ocean and the Future of American Power by Robert D Kaplan; 2010. In a book that knits together history, journalism, travel anecdotes, and strategic analysis, Robert Kaplan looks at the greater Indian Ocean region stretching from East Africa to Indonesia and argues that it will be the center of world geopolitics in the twenty-first century. Here, in particular, the interests of the United States, an energy-hungry China, and a rising India are increasingly converging. Kaplan's work illuminates factors American policymakers will need to take into account in evaluating and advancing the strategic interests of the United States in the years ahead. (327.73 K17)

Neptune's Inferno: by James D. Hornfischer; 2011. *Neptune's Inferno* is at once the most epic and the most intimate account ever written of the contest for control of the seaways of the Solomon Islands, America's first concerted offensive against the Imperial Japanese juggernaut and the true turning point of the Pacific conflict. This grim, protracted campaign has long been heralded as a Marine victory. Now, with his powerful portrait of the Navy's sacrifice—three sailors died at sea for every man lost ashore—Hornfischer tells for the first time the full story of the men who fought in destroyers, cruisers, and battleships in the narrow, deadly waters of "Ironbottom Sound." (Not in Collection at this time)

Red Star over the Pacific: by Toshi Yoshihara and James Holmes; 2010. Combining a close knowledge of Asia and an ability to tap Chinese-language sources with naval combat experience and expertise in sea-power theory, the authors assess how the rise of Chinese sea power will affect U.S. maritime strategy in Asia. They argue that China is laying the groundwork for a sustained challenge to American primacy in maritime Asia, and to defend this hypothesis they look back to Alfred Thayer Mahan's sea-power theories, now popular with the Chinese. (Not in Collection at this time)

The Man from Pakistan: by Catherine Collins and Douglas Frantz; 2008. From Pearl Harbor to her last and fatal voyage, the heroic story of America's most daring World War II submarine, as told by the only surviving member of her crew - Forest J. Sterling. The USS Wahoo (SS-238) was the most successful submarine in the World War II Pacific Fleet. In her 11 short months of life, Wahoo managed an incredible 21 kills, totaling over 60,000 tons of ships. Then, just 45 minutes before leaving Midway (island) for her last and fatal patrol, Yeoman Forest Sterling was transferred to other duty. The result is this book; Wake of the Wahoo, Sterling's fantastic yet completely authentic account of a remarkable crew, captain and the ship they lived and died for. (Not in Collection at this time)

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Aircraft Carriers at War: A Personal Retrospective of Korea, Vietnam, and the Soviet Confrontation: by James L. Holloway III; 2007. "Throughout military history, certain weapons predominated on the field of battle. Such was the American aircraft carrier from World War II to the present. One of the Navy's great sailors, Admiral James Holloway III, skillfully weaves his own naval career with that of naval aviation, U.S. policy, and diplomacy during that turbulent era in his excellent book Aircraft Carriers at War."-Capt. James A. Lovell, USN (Ret.), Commander, Apollo 13 (359.00973 H745)

On the Origins of War: And the Preservation of Peace: by Donald Kagan; 1996. By lucidly revealing the common threads that connect the ancient confrontations between Athens and Sparta and between Rome and Carthage with the two calamitous world wars of the 20th century and the Cuban Missile Crisis, Kagan reveals new insights into the nature of war--and peace-- that are vitally important and often surprising. (904.7 K11)

One Hundred Years of Sea Power: The U.S. Navy, 1890-1990: by George W. Baer; 1996. This is a history of how the Navy responded—in doctrine, strategy, operations, preparedness, self-awareness, and force structure—to radical changes in political circumstance, technological innovation, and national needs and expectations. (359.00973 B141)

The Elephant and the Dragon: The Rise of India and China and What It Means for All of Us: by Robyn Meredith; 2008. The Elephant and the Dragon takes a compelling look at the major changes in store as America faces increasing competition from two emerging Asian giants, India and China. In it, Robyn Meredith tells how these two Asian nations, each with more than a billion people, have spurred a new "gold rush," and what this will mean for the rest of the world. (330.951 M559)

The Great Wall at Sea: China's Navy Enters the Twenty-first Century: by Bernard D. Cole; 2001. This book provides timely, authoritative information about China's developing navy and its quest for power. (359.00951 C689)

The Last Stand of the Tin Can Sailors: The Extraordinary World War II Story of the U.S. Navy's Finest Hour: by James D. Hornfischer; 2005. One of the finest WWII naval action narratives in recent years, this book follows in the footsteps of *Flags of Our Fathers*, creating a microcosm of the war's American Navy destroyers. (940.542599 H816)

The Sand Pebbles: by Richard McKenna; 2000. A story about the conflicted crew of a US gunboat cruising China's straits in the 1920's risks involvement in Chinese civil war. (Fiction McK)

With the Old Breed: by E.B. Sledge; 2008. Based on notes he kept on slips of paper tucked secretly away in his Bible, Eugene Sledge has written a devastatingly powerful memoir of his experience fighting in the South Pacific during WWII. (940.54 S632)

Be Ready Archive

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A Sailor's History of the U.S. Navy: by Thomas J. Cutler; 2004. A *Sailor's History of the U.S. Navy* brings to life the events that have shaped and inspired the Navy of today while highlighting the roles of all Sailors-from seaman to admiral. (359.00973 C989)

In the Shadow of Greatness: by Joshua Welle, John Ennis, Katherine Kranz and Graham Plaster; 2012. Their stories needed to be told and classmates working together, under a blanket of trust and friendship, were the only way to allow people to open up. It was a three year journey into the hearts and souls of America's youngest heroes to gather these important historical accounts, but it was worth every hour spent. Inside this book are the voices the first Annapolis graduates into a decade of war and they remind us that America is in good hands. (359.0092 I35)

Navigating the Seven Seas: by Melvin G. Williams, Sr. and Melvin G. Williams, Jr.; 2011. Two high-achieving African-Americans in the U.S. Navy share their leadership experiences over nearly sixty consecutive years of service. Their book describes how they navigated through the ranks by employing what they call the Seven Cs of leadership: Character, Competence, Courage, Commitment, Caring, Communicating, and Community. The authors contend that their leadership principles can be learned, practiced, and refined for any profession. (Not in Collection at this time)

The Morality of War: by Brian Orend; 2006. "Brian Orend's *The Morality of War* promises to become the single most comprehensive and important book on just war for this generation. It moves far beyond the review of the standard just war categories to deal comprehensively with the new challenges of the conflict with terrorism. It thoughtfully reviews every major military conflict of the past few decades, mining them for implications of the evolving tradition of just war thinking....It is, in short, the most comprehensive and thoughtful assessment of all aspects of just war since Michael Walzer's classic *Just and Unjust Wars*." - Martin L. Cook, United States Air Force Academy (Not in Collection at this time)

Time Management from the Inside Out: The Foolproof Plan for Taking Control of Your Schedule and Your Life: by Julie Morgenstern; 2000. Her groundbreaking from-the-inside-out approach helps you uncover your psychological strengths and stumbling blocks and create a time-management system that suits your individual needs. (650.11 M851)

Wired for War: by P.W. Singer; 2009. New technologies will also bring war to our doorstep. As other nations and even terrorist organizations start to build or buy their own robotic weapons, the robot revolution could undermine America's military preeminence. While his analysis is unnerving, there's an irresistible gee-whiz quality to the innovations Singer uncovers. *Wired for War* travels from Iraq to see these robots in combat to the latter-day "skunk works" in America's suburbia, where tomorrow's technologies of war are quietly being designed. In Singer's hands, the future of war is as fascinating as it is frightening. (355.0201 S617)

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1776: by David McCullough; 2006. In this masterful book, David McCullough tells the intensely human story of those who marched with General George Washington in the year of the Declaration of Independence (973.3 M175)

Integrity: by Stephen Carter; 1996. Stephen Carter examines why the virtue of integrity holds such sway over the American political imagination. By weaving together insights from philosophy, theology, history and law, along with examples drawn from current events and a dose of personal experience, Carter offers a vision of integrity that has implications for everything from marriage and politics to professional football. He discusses the difficulties involved in trying to legislate integrity as well as the possibilities for teaching it. (Not in Collection at this time)

Leadership: The Warrior's Art: Edited by Christopher Kolenda; 2001. Foreword by General Barry R. McCaffrey, USA (Ret.) This work covers both classic and modern concepts of leadership and uses case studies from Alexander the Great through World War II to illustrate principles of leadership in concrete historical contexts. (355.33 L434)

Longitude: The True Story of a Lone Genius Who Solved the Greatest Scientific Problem of His Time: by Dava Sobel; 2007. The thorniest scientific dilemma of the eighteenth century was "the longitude problem." Lacking the ability to measure their longitude, sailors had long been literally lost at sea as soon as they lost sight of land. John Harrison devised a clock that would keep precise time at sea -- something no clock had ever been able to do on land. (526.6209 S677)

Master and Commander: by Patrick O'Brian; 1990. In this story, details of life aboard a man-of-war in Nelson's navy are faultlessly rendered: the conversational idiom of the officers in the ward room and the men on the lower deck, the food, the floggings, the mysteries of the wind and the rigging, and the road of broadsides as the great ships close in battle. (Fiction OBr)

The Innovator's Dilemma: The Revolutionary Book That Will Change the Way You Do Business: by Clayton M. Christensen; 2003. Whether in electronics or retailing, a successful company with established products will get pushed aside unless managers know when to abandon traditional business practices. Using the lessons of successes and failures from leading companies, *The Innovator's Dilemma* presents a set of rules for capitalizing on the phenomenon of disruptive innovation. (658 C554)

The Tipping Point: How Little Things Can Make a Big Difference: by Malcolm Gladwell; 2002. Defines that precise moment when a trend becomes a trend, Malcolm Gladwell probes the surface of everyday occurrences to reveal some surprising dynamics behind explosive social changes. (302 G543)

Two Souls Indivisible: The Friendship That Save Two POWs in Vietnam: by James S. Hirsch; 2005. Halyburton and Cherry became legendary among fellow POWs for the singular friendship that enabled them to overcome prodigious suffering and unspeakable torture. (959.70437 H669)

Suggested Readings

Fixing the Facts: by Joshua Rovner; 2011. In *Fixing the Facts*, Joshua Rovner explores the complex interaction between intelligence and policy and shines a spotlight on the problem of politicization. Major episodes in the history of American foreign policy have been closely tied to the manipulation of intelligence estimates. Rovner describes how the Johnson administration dealt with the intelligence community during the Vietnam War; how President Nixon and President Ford politicized estimates on the Soviet Union; and how pressure from the George W. Bush administration contributed to flawed intelligence on Iraq. He also compares the U.S. case with the British experience between 1998 and 2003, and demonstrates that high-profile government inquiries in both countries were fundamentally wrong about what happened before the war. (Not in Collection at this time)

The Twilight War: by David Crist; 2012. The dramatic secret history of our undeclared thirty-year conflict with Iran, revealing news breaking episodes of covert and deadly operations that brought the two nations to the brink of open war. For three decades, the United States and Iran have engaged in a secret war. It is a conflict that has never been acknowledged and a story that has never been told. This surreptitious war began with the Iranian revolution and simmers today inside Iraq and in the Persian Gulf. It is a story of shocking miscalculations, bitter debates, hidden casualties, boldness, and betrayal. (327.73 C933)